

Message

From: Robinson, Jeffrey [Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/28/2019 12:38:50 PM
To: Garcia, David [Garcia.David@epa.gov]; Balandran, Olivia-R [balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov]
CC: Verhalen, Frances [verhalen.frances@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: ACTION -- DUE NOON EDT MONDAY

Can you get a sense this morning when you're upstairs how much more specific David Gray wants for EtO. This is the summary of our outreach.....not sure how much more we could add other than more info from the April 2019 meeting with TX and LA where we had more discussion on facilities. David Gray led the meeting with TX and LA in April 2019.

From: Robinson, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 11:05 AM
To: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Balandran, Olivia-R <balandran.olivia-r@epa.gov>
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This is due to OAQPS by noon today. See below.

From: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 10:26 AM
To: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ACTION -- DUE NOON EDT MONDAY

No. It's on the SharePoint, but I pasted it below with the updates highlighted. FYI –

Region 6

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Louisiana

- LDEQ sent letters to all permitted emitters of EtO requesting that they review their emissions data and explore proactive measures to reduce EtO emissions. LDEQ has had subsequent discussions with its facilities and has requested continued coordination with Region 6 on outreach and messaging.

New Mexico

- Note that the 2014 NATA identified the Santa Teresa Facility in New Mexico as having elevated risk. NMED and Region 6 have since confirmed that the Santa Teresa Facility installed emissions controls in 2014, which reduced emissions.

Oklahoma

- Region 6 had discussions with ODEQ because the Oklahoma has its own state air toxics program and air monitoring network.

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Did you send this forward to David and Olivia, and/or to OAQPS with the OK addition?

From: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>; Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>
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Done

From: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
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Agreed

From: Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>
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We need to add the conversation with ODEQ about the UATMP/NATA data.

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From: Robinson, Jeffrey <Robinson.Jeffrey@epa.gov>
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I'm not aware of any specifically.....but we will need to check with David to see if he has had any discussions with LDEQ and TCEQ specifically. I'll ask him.

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Jeff/Fran – The document in Sharepoint with the last update we sent OAQPS is as of 9/10/19. Our portion of that document is below.

I am not aware of any specific additional specific external outreach/communication on EtO in the past month, maybe y'all are.

A short update to the facts we submitted to OAQPS in September is highlighted below.

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From: Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 10:26 AM

To: Chow, Alice <chow.alice@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Mitchell, Ken <Mitchell.Ken@epa.gov>; Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>; Ruvo, Richard <Ruvo.Richard@epa.gov>; Seager, Cheryl <Seager.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Smith, Mark A. <Smith.Marka@epa.gov>; Weinstock, Lewis <Weinstock.Lewis@epa.gov>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>; Kim, Lena <Kim.Lena@epa.gov>; Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>; Madden, Joshua <madden.joshua@epa.gov>; Davidson, Ken <Davidson.Ken@epa.gov>; Kim, Lena <Kim.Lena@epa.gov>; Scott, Gail <Scott.Gail@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>; Glass, Geoffrey <GLASS.GEOFFREY@EPA.GOV>

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INTERNAL ONLY

All,

As most of you are aware, we received an OIG management alert on an upcoming report that will call on the regions to hold a large number of public meetings to communicate ethylene oxide risks. To assist us with the draft response, please update the recent information we prepared for the Administrator's hearing, focusing on outreach/communication you have had on the issue – with states, local elected or career officials, citizens, etc. This is not limited to public meetings.

Document 1 primarily focused on R5 issues. Document 2 covers all regions.

The documents to update are on the Sharepoint site under Documents/Please Review

Please make any updates by noon Monday (EDT).

Thanks!

-Alison